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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a X continuation or ___ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 10/458,246

Filed on June 11, 2003

Of Shinya IGARASHI et al.

Entitled: Characteristics Adjusting Apparatus of Physical Quantity Sensing Device and a Thermal Type Air Flow Measuring Instrument, and Associated Adjusting Method

Examiner: Oen, William L.

Group: 2855

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a new specification that does not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application.
Total pages of specification, claims and abstract: 26
- X 2. Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 8 sheets, depicting Figures 1-12.
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
- a. ___ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. X Copy from prior application
 - i. ___ Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as

being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

5. Small entity status:
- a. A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c. Is no longer claimed
- X 6. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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|--------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Basic Fee | | | | | <u>\$385</u> | <u>\$770</u> |
| Total Claims | <u>12</u> | - | <u>20 = 0</u> | x | <u>9 = \$</u> | <u>18 = \$</u> |
| Ind. Claims | <u>2</u> | - | <u>3 = 0</u> | x | <u>43 = \$</u> | <u>86 = \$</u> |
| | <u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u> | | | <u>+</u> | <u>145 = \$</u> | <u>290 = \$</u> |
| | Total | | | | <u>\$</u> | <u>\$770.00</u> |

7. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #) in the amount of \$.
- X 8. A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 9. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.43640C5).
- X 10. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/458,246, filed June 11, 2003, which is a continuation of 10/316,057, filed December 11, 2002, now patented as U.S. Patent No. 6,598,472, which is a continuation of 09/867,665, filed May 31, 2001, now patented as U.S. Patent No. 6,510,735, which is a continuation of 09/524,763, filed March 13, 2000, which is a continuation of 08/900,517, filed July 25, 1997, now patented as U.S. Patent No. 6,070,462--

X 11. Priority of Appln. No(s). 8-195973, filed in Japan on July 25, 1996, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

X 12. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 08/900,517 on July 25, 1997.

X 13. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Car Engineering Co., Ltd.

X 14. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

— b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

— c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.

X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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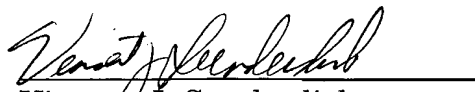
X 15. Copies of Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

X 16. Return Receipt Postcard.

— 17. Other: —

Respectfully submitted,

March 23, 2004

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vincent J. Sunderdick", is written over a horizontal line.

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